STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AIR RESOURCES DIVISION CONCORD, NH

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with New Hampshire Administrative Rule, Env-A 204.01(b) and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 51.102, notice is hereby given that the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Air Resources Division (the Department) has prepared, and intends to submit to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, a revision to New Hampshire's State Implementation Plan (SIP) to meet the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act (the Act), section 110(a)(2)(D)(i).

This <u>SIP revision</u> certifies that sources and emission activities in New Hampshire do not contribute to nonattainment of either the 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) or the 1997 fine particulate matter (PM2.5) NAAQS in other states, nor do they interfere with maintenance of the 8-hour ozone NAAQS and the 1997 PM2.5 NAAQS in other states. This SIP revision also confirms that New Hampshire's SIP already includes provisions to prohibit major sources from interfering with measures in other states to prevent significant deterioration of air quality through the Prevention of Significant Deterioration and New Sources Review provisions of the Act. Additionally, the Department confirms that the current SIP includes provisions that prevent sources from interfering with measures to protect visibility according to the 1980 visibility requirements. The Department, along with other states in the Mid-Atlantic/Northeast Visibility Union (MANE-VU) and other regional planning organizations, is analyzing the 1999 regional haze requirements and will make a determination concerning these provisions in the regional haze SIP submittal.

The Department hereby solicits comment on this SIP revision and offers the public the opportunity to request a public hearing on this SIP Revision. Written comments on the proposed SIP revision and/or a written request for a public hearing must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 15, 2008 to Andrew Bodnarik, Air Resources Division, NH Department of Environmental Services, P.O. Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095, or Andrew.Bodnarik@nh.des.gov. A copy of the SIP revision is available at the Department located at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH during working hours from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or may be obtained from the Department upon request from Andrew Bodnarik at the above address or at (603) 271-1370.

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Dated: January 15, 2008